

Report of	Record of	Date
Director – Change & Delivery Introduced by Executive Member (for Economic Development & Public Service Reform)	Executive Member Decision	14 th March 2024

Is this report confidential?	Yes – contains private information relating to a business enterprise
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Is this decision key?	No
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Savings or expenditure amounting to greater than £100,000	No
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CHORLEY BIG GRANT – THIRTY-EIGHT DEGREES LTD

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve a Chorley BIG Grant of £5,000.00 to Thirty-Eight Degrees Limited.

Recommendations

2. That the grant be approved.

Reasons for recommendations

3. Thirty-Eight Degrees are a new innovative business who represent a diverse local business eco system which will protect the community and its customers from economic downturns. When various industries are present, the local economy is more resilient. As the business grows, they hope that their presence will add to the attractiveness of the locality to encourage other businesses to join them and residents to use them.

4. The project involves relocating from Coppull Enterprise Centre to a new building premises at the Vyking Enterprise Hub on Standish Street in Chorley. The project involves the construction of office & kitchen in their newly acquired unit. Detailed work includes insulation and plastering of office area and kitchen. Installation of sockets, lighting and network cabling. Installation of skirting, arcs and internal doors. Installation of kitchen units, sink and provision for shower display / testing area. Installation of boiler and connection of under floor heating.

5. The new office area will be used to accommodate an additional member of staff. Other work which includes the underfloor heating will support the new member of staff who will be working in the warehouse.

6. The planned work will create two new jobs for the business, one which will be office based and one warehouse job.

Other options considered and rejected

7. N/A

Executive summary

8. A full application has been made to Chorley Council for a Chorley BIG Grant. The project has been appraised and the detailed appraisal form is available on request if required.

9. The application has been made by Thirty-Eight Degrees Limited to make internal developments to a recently acquired new industrial unit which will enable the Business to grow and take on new staff. The total investment is over £10,500 and this will be supported with a grant of £5,000. This represents a grant covering 48% of the costs. Two full time jobs will be created within the business.

10. The project will involve constructing a new office and kitchen area along with sink and shower for display areas. Installation of sockets, skirting, a new boiler and underfloor heating will also be installed.

Corporate priorities

11. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Housing where residents can live well	A green and sustainable Borough
An enterprising economy with vibrant local centres in urban and rural areas	Healthy, safe & engaged communities

Background to the report

12. The grant proposal relating to this project was approved in principle at Grants Panel on 31st October 2023. A grant appraisal was then approved by Michelle Horrocks who is Head of Economic Growth and is authorised to approve such applications on 7th March 2024.

13. This is a new Business and the applicants will be using reliable contractors who have previously undertaken domestic jobs for them in the past. The contractor will be carrying out all the work that has been planned so no issues or delays are anticipated.

14. The project accountant provided the following comment for the appraisal:

15. Thirty-Eight Degrees Limited is a new company only registered in August 2022.

16. There is a Bank statement provided to prove they have the sufficient funds to cover their share of the project.

17. The company currently has a credit rating of 47 (out of 100). Based upon the company's latest industry classification, today's score of 47 places the company in the middle to lower 25% of 6,545 companies sampled from the same industry.

18. At present, the company has one full time employee, and this grant will create two new jobs for them. One in the office and one in the warehouse.

Climate change and air quality

19. The proposed works will have a positive impact on heat loss within this building, meaning less carbon output in future as a result of a more energy efficient building.

Equality and diversity

20. N/A

Risk

21. No risk identified.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

22. There is sufficient budget in reserves to meet the cost of this Grant. The risk is relatively low as the grant payments are only made on receipt of the evidence that expenditure has been occurred.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

23. The proposed award is in line with the requirements of the scheme.

Background documents

24. There are no background papers to this report.

Appendices

25. Appendix 2 – BIG Grant Appraisal

26. Appendix 3 – Decision of Grant Panel Appraisal

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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraph 2 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.

Councillor Peter Wilson
Executive Member for Resources Dated

This decision will come into force and may be implemented five working days after its publication date, subject to being called in in accordance with the Council's Constitution.